

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 ,9, 42 and 44 to read as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) A device for monitoring sterilization with ethylene oxide comprising:

at least one layer of polymer, having incorporated therein

- a) an indicator capable of undergoing at least one color ,
- b) an activator for said indicator, said activator having an anion and a monovalent cation, which, when contacted with ethylene oxide, undergoes a reaction wherein the product of said reaction causes a rise in pH said rise in pH causing said indicator to undergo said color change.

9.(Currently Amended) The device of Claim 8 wherein said polymer is a polymer of styrene, acrylate, acrylic acid, acrylamide, vinyl acetate, vinyl alcohol, vinyl chloride, or a mixture thereof.

42. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 40 wherein the cation is selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, cesium, quaternary nitrogen, quaternary phosphorus and quaternary sulfur.

45. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 41 wherein the cation is selected from the group consisting of lithium, sodium, potassium, cesium, quaternary nitrogen, quaternary phosphorus and quaternary sulfur.